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SUBJ: FY-76 CU/AAUW AFRICAN WOMEN EDUCATORS PROJECT

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1. PER REF A, EMBASSY HEREBY NOMINATES MRS. RALPHINA ADEYINKA PHILLOT-ALMEIDA FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. NOMINATION AND BIO DATA HEREBY CABLED BECAUSE POUCH DELAY MIGHT NOT PERMIT RECEIPT IN WASHINGTON BY JULY 31 DEADLINE.

2. MRS. ALMEIDA, AGE 36, IS GAMBIAN, BORN IN BANJUL. MARRIED, SHE HAS TWO CHILDREN AGE 10 AND 7 YEARS. HER ADDRESS IS: 5 HOPE STREET, BANJUL.

3. HER ACADEMIC BACKGROUND INCLUDES:

A. CENTER FOR WEST AFRICAN STUDIES, BIRMINGHAM ENGLAND; ATTENDED 1971-72; STUDIED AFRICAN HISTORY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND EDUCATION IN GAMBIA; RECEIVED MA DEGREE.

B. INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, LONDON UNIVERSITY; ATTENDED 1966-67; STUDIED ADVANCED EDUCATION, AND EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS; RECEIVED POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION CERTIFICATE.

C. SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, LONDON UNDIVERSITY; ATTENDED 1963-66; STUDIED EUROPEAN, BRITISH, AND AFRICAN HISTORY; RECEIVED BA WITH HONORS IN HISTORY.

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4. FOR PAST THREE YEARS MRS ALMEIDA HAS BEEN LECTURER AND TEACHER EDUCATOR AT YUNDUM TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE, THE GAMBIA'S ONLY POST-HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INSTITUTION. IN PRIOR YEARS, MRS ALMEIDA WAS HEAD OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT ST. AUGUSTINE'S HS (1970-71); SAME POSITION ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL (1969-70); AND HISTORY TEACHER ARMITAGE HS (1968-69). SHE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND WOLOF, ALSO FRENCH.

5. HER SPECIFIC ACADEMIC INTERESTS INCLUDE: TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN SOCIAL STUDIES, HISTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, AND EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION. EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS INCLUDE: CREATIVE WRITING IN POETRY AND FICTION, SOCIALIZATION AND TRAINING OF WOMEN, AND MARKING ADVANCED LEVEL PAPERS IN HISTORY.

6. MRS ALMEIDA PAID A BRIEF STUDENT VISIT TO THE US TEN YEARS AGO. SHE LIVED IN ENGLAND FOR OVER 10 YEARS DURING THE 50S AND 60S. SHE HAS TRAVELLED IN EUROPE, HAVING VISITED FRANCE, SWEDEN, AND SWITZERLAND (WHERE SHE HAD TEMPORARY UN EMPLOYMENT. MRS ALMEIDA HAS ALSO TRAVELLED FREQUENTLY TO SENEGAL AND TO VARIOUS ANGLOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

7. ONE OF THE BEST EDUCATED WOMEN IN THE GAMBIA, MRS ALMEIDA WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE AT YUNDUM COLLEGE, (CURRENTLY EXPANDING TO A FULL FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITY LEVEL INSTITUTION). ARTICULATE, OUT-GOING, AND SELF-ASSURED MRS ALMEIDA WOULD RELATE WELL TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROGRAM, AND WOULD TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS PROJECT. CONTACT WITH OTHER EDUCATORS WILL HAVE VERY BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE ON GAMBIA'S FLEDGLING UNIVERSITY, WHICH OUR CURRENT CPP CITES AS HIGH PRIORITY TARGET.
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